

CITY SCHOOLS GET SUPPLY OF COAL

Enough Is Rationed to Keep Buildings Opened for Three to Four Days

ONE CLOSED FOR SHORT TIME

Danger that a number of the city schools would have to close because of the lack of coal was averted, for the present at least, by distribution today of a supply of coal which will last all the buildings where an immediate need of fuel had been reported.

The Martin School, at Richmond and Ontario streets, closed for a few minutes this morning when the coal supply was on the way to the school arrived fifteen minutes too late.

The supply at this building had been exhausted yesterday. When fuel failed to arrive at the school as the time for opening drew near this morning an order was issued dismissing the 1800 pupils temporarily. A few moments later the coal supply arrived and the school was on the way. It soon arrived, the school reassembled and sessions resumed.

Three to Four Days' Supply

"The supply which arrived last night has placed all the schools which were in need of a fuel supply, said President Seiple in charge of the coal deliveries today.

"The situation has taken a much more favorable turn today," said Mr. Seiple. "Distribution of the coal has given all of the schools a supply which will last three or four days in any kind of weather. I also received word this morning that there are no shipments on the way, and I expect that four or five carloads will arrive tomorrow."

Yesterday, twenty-six schools were threatened with closing.

The coal was sent out in eight and ten ton lots from the wharves at Tasker street, where it arrived in cars. A wagonload arrived at the Board of Education for distribution, and the Board of Education, in turn, distributed the coal to the schools.

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Pumping Stations Supplied

Likewise the city institutions such as hospitals and pumping stations where coal is absolutely essential have been insured against any acute situation, according to city officials.

Carlton E. Davis, chief of the Water Bureau, said today that the coal supply was ample for several weeks, while others would be able to run for a month without the coal supply being replenished.

"We are not particularly concerned about the coal supply," said Mr. Davis, "for we have been receiving our shipments regularly."

Hospitals Supplied

Director of Public Health Eulish said that there was no cause for worry as far as the hospitals were concerned. There is sufficient coal for the operation of the Philadelphia General Hospital for contagious diseases, and the city branch, the director said, and two carloads are being received daily for these institutions.

With the schools of Camden facing similar difficulties, Camden Council last night took action to relieve the shortage. It was determined to appoint a city fuel administrator. The city will also buy coal at its mines to be sold to needy consumers at cost. An original appropriation of \$2000 was made for this purpose, and additional grants of funds will follow.

The action taken in Camden was decided after Mayor Van Hart had a conference with Harry Sharp, president of the Board of Education. Mr. Sharp gave the Mayor the names of a number of coal jobbers who had informed him they had large quantities of coal for sale at about \$5 a ton higher than what the Pennsylvania Coal Company's price is. This would make its cost delivered in Camden about \$17 a ton. These jobbers said they could ship fifty carloads within twenty-four hours. The city wants to buy directly from the mines.

The Mayor, who presided over Council, said if the jobbers were able to buy all the coal they offered, the city of Camden intended to do likewise or know the reason why. He said he and City Solicitor Heckly had determined on an action that would bring results.

Mr. Eulish, he said, could not refuse to sell to Camden and then sell to coal jobbers already overstocked.

Some of the Councilmen said that Camden could dealers are charging as much as \$17 a ton, while charged by operators less than \$10 a ton.

\$57,000 GIVEN ORIENT

Women Contribute for Missionary Colleges

A total of \$57,000 for the Women's Union Christian colleges of the Orient, as Philadelphia's share in the \$100,000 fund up to date, was reported at a meeting of the Philadelphia Committee yesterday at the Civic Club.

Mrs. John Harvey Lee, president, announced that the "Dollar Day" campaign made by the women last Saturday indicated that approximately \$4000 was collected in this city. Mrs. Lee said a gift of \$1000 from a German woman should be added, making \$5000.

The "Dollar Day" collections, plus the amount obtained by the Philadelphia Committee during the year, made \$52,000. In addition, the \$5000 that is being raised by the Chambersburg Conference Committee will be added to this city's total.

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JILTED SUITOR SHOTS GIRL

Then Man Turns Pistol on Himself in Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, Dec. 12.—(By A. P.)—A seventeen-year-old girl was shot in the back while crossing a bridge here today by a man who then turned the pistol on himself and sent a bullet through his head. Both are in a serious condition.

The girl, Anna Anisiewicz, told the police that the man, Lewis Jostersinski, shot her when she refused to go with him. She said she sprang his attentions when she learned he was married and the father of several children.

BRITAIN TO SOUND AMERICA ON DEBTS

Washington Expected to Be Questioned on Cancellation of French War Bill

FEAR BIG ENTENTE RIFT

London, Dec. 12.—The belief that Great Britain intends to sound out the American Government's willingness to take some such action in reference to allied debts as the possible cancellation of the French debt, is asserted by the Daily Telegraph's diplomatic expert.

The French delegation to the adjourned Premier's conference was reported last night as holding that the British might approach the United States before the January 2 meeting of the Premier to ascertain whether America would be willing to consider either cancellation of the French debt or participation in a conference for consideration of such a step.

American official circles in London are awaiting Prime Minister Bonar Law's proposed statement in the House of Commons Thursday for verification or denial of the report that overtures are to be made immediately to Washington.

In British official circles it was pointed out today that Stanley Baldwin, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the British debt funding commission would have to discuss the whole question of the allied debts. This consultation will be too late for the next Premier's conference, however.

The British financial mission will include, besides Mr. Baldwin and his staff, Mr. C. Norman, governor of the Bank of England, and his staff, and Robert Gordon, director of the Treasury.

All the visiting Premier and his delegations left London today. Many London Fascists in picturesque head dresses and black shirts went to the Victoria station to see Premier Mussolini off.

The reply of the allied Premier to the latest German proposals on reparations was dispatched to Berlin last night in the form of a brief but cautious note from Prime Minister Bonar Law to Chancellor Cuno.

Mr. Bonar Law declared with an expressive gesture that "in the existing circumstances" the proposals did not offer a solution of the reparations difficulties.

Comments on an adjournment of the conference, rather, he said, while the newspapers try to build hope on the fact that the conversations are to be resumed, they do not convey a fear that the British will have no share in settling the debt.

The hope is generally expressed that the French will be able to prevent a complete collapse of the Entente. All commentators make it clear that whatever happens Great Britain will have no share in settling the debt.

CONGRESS ALONE CAN ACT ON IF AR DEBTS

Washington, Dec. 12.—(By A. P.)—No proposal for American participation in the reparations discussion by the allied Premier has reached the Washington Government. Pending examination of the suggestion that the United States enter the French war debt, officials are not inclined to make any comment.

Authorized Government spokesmen here said that the whole question of allied war debts has passed out of the hands of the executive branch of the Government, Congress having charged the sole funding of the war debt, and the responsibility of the reparations negotiation of all refunding agreements. This commission, moreover, is specifically described in the act creating it as a refunding commission, which in the opinion of some officials, precludes it from considering any question of cancellation.

It has been said on the highest authority, therefore, that the President has no power to negotiate cancellation agreements even if that were his desire. It would be necessary under this view to take any such suggestion before Congress. The question of cancellation would be decided by the Senate.

FARM SCHOOL DRIVE ON

Workers Meet Today for Reports on \$200,000 Fund Campaign

A luncheon for workers in the campaign to raise \$200,000 for the National Farm School will be held today in the Locust Club, at which time reports to subscriptions to the fund will be received.

Letter from Samuel Gompers in which he induces the campaign has been received by Harry B. Hirsch, chairman of the Campaign Committee. The amount being sought is to be the nucleus of an endowment fund in honor of Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf, founder of the school.

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Politicians Speculate on Nature of Governor-Elect's Visit to White House

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Governor-elect Gifford Pinchot will call on President Harding in Washington at noon Thursday.

When announcement of this appointment was made, the office of the Governor-elect today there was much speculation as to its significance. Mr. Pinchot said he was going to call on the president, as a newly elected Governor, to pay his respects.

In Pinchot circles, of course, it was indicated that the President may care to discuss a number of national questions with the Governor-elect. In other quarters there was a suggestion that President Harding might take up with Mr. Pinchot the plan suggested in the President's recent message to Congress of assembling a conference of Governors on the question of law enforcement. Again there was a suggestion that the subject of the progressive law and political problems would be canvassed.

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Mr. Pinchot is going to Washington tomorrow afternoon and while there plans to meet a "good many people," including probably United States Senators Pepper and Reed. He will also stop in Washington by attending the dinner which Congressman Vare is giving on Thursday night.

Intimations were current today that some important announcement would be made by the Governor-elect in a day or so. He was greatly pleased over the result of his conference in Pittsburgh yesterday and carried home with him the impression that Pittsburgh leaders, like those in other sections, were glad to co-operate with him in his constructive plans for the Commonwealth.

Today's callers on the Governor-elect in his office in the Real Estate Trust Building included John J. Gheen, of Chester, one of the old Roosevelt group; John Kane Kane, a lawyer, of Delaware County; Thomas Kennedy and a delegation representing the United Mine Workers Union; State Representative R. Ross Horne, of Cambria County; Mrs. John P. Fendham, of Wilkes-Barre, and Mrs. Edward Varnell, of Swarthmore.

The Governor-elect will attend a meeting tonight of the Robert J. Patterson Marching Club at 414 East Allegheny avenue. This organization, under the leadership of Congressman Pat Patterson, is sponsoring a parade on December 16, in Harrisburg, January 16, in Philadelphia, and the cost per man and per woman is only \$2.50, as compared with the \$8.00 for those who march under the auspices of Congressional Union and Harry Mackay of the city committee. Tomorrow noon, as a member of the Rotary club, Pinchot will "drop in" at the luncheon of that organization in the Bellevue.

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Dublin, Dec. 12.—The parents of Rory O'Connor, who was executed by the Free State Government last week, have written to the newspapers as follows: "We abhor anything in the nature of a reprisal for the death of our son, Rory O'Connor. Our grief is not shared by the thought of the suffering of others. In his last letter, written to his younger brother in the early morning of December 8 (the day of the execution), he said: 'I could not continue with my former comrades; I am to meet death at their hands. I forgive them all. The will of God be done and may the honor of Ireland be preserved.'"

The Senate will meet tonight with the Dail Eireann today, when Governor General Healy will read the royal message and deliver a message which will be dictated by both sides.

The Governor General today received through Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state, a verbal greeting from the Pope congratulating him on his appointment and praying for a happy era of peace and prosperity for the beloved people of Ireland, and "from his heart sends you the apostolic benediction."

An armed band seized the Kilbride railway station yesterday and set loose three locomotives at full speed; two of them were wrecked.

Cork, Dec. 12.—(By A. P.)—The body of Sean Hayes, the Free State leader, was assassinated in Dublin last week, arrived here today aboard a steamer. It was immediately transported to the Catholic cathedral to await the public funeral tomorrow.

The remains were accorded military honors and the streets from the quay to the cathedral were crowded with thousands of citizens.

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CREW BEING TAKEN OFF AS SHIP POUNDS ROCK

Cotton Plant Reaches Freighters Orteric, Rescuing Fifty-five

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—(By A. P.)—The British freight steamship Orteric, pounding against Fish Rock, off the California coast, about seventy miles north of San Francisco, was reported hitting with water rapidly this morning, but her crew of fifty-five were being transferred to the steamship Cotton Plant, according to a wireless report to the Federal Telegraph Company here.

The steamship El Segundo, leaving San Francisco last night in response to S O S calls, sighted the Orteric two hours after midnight.

The El Segundo reported it was unlikely the crew had been able to land because of the steep, rocky shore, but that the men probably could be transferred at sea without difficulty.

The Orteric, bound for the Orient, California, to load lumber for the Orient, ran into the rock last night. Presumably she lost her way in the fog. She has a tonnage of 6000 and is owned by the Bank Line, of Glasgow.

HAMMER SLAYER TRAIL LOST AGAIN

Suspect Arrested in Wyoming as Fugitive Declares She Is Not Mrs. Phillips

POLICE STILL MAKE INQUIRY

Casper, Wyo., Dec. 12.—Belief that Casper police had succeeded in apprehending Clara Phillips, convicted hammer slayer of Mrs. Alberta Mendow, who escaped from the Los Angeles jail on December 6, is thought to have been exploded this morning when a suspect arrested last night declared she was Beatrice Craig, of Kirby, Wyo.

The woman said she had been living in Casper about three weeks. Police authorities have not definitely accepted her explanation and are continuing their investigation.

Arrested within two blocks of the railroad station, where she had entered a taxicab immediately after getting off a train that had arrived from Billings, Mont., last night, the woman betrayed no surprise at being taken into custody, according to the arresting officers. She asked few questions concerning her arrest and answered none.

A man who accompanied her from the train entered another taxicab, which followed a different route from that taken by the woman. He had not been located early today.

The arrest was made by two motorcycle policemen who had been detailed to meet trains from Billings every night since Phillips was reported to have been seen in Idaho Falls, Idaho, recently.

They said that they noted her resemblance to Mrs. Phillips' description in the papers, and that they were aroused by the fact that she pulled down the taxicab curtains as soon as she entered. They followed the car and arrested her two blocks from the railroad station.

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MARSH MARMOONS DOCTORS TWO DAYS

Dr. Robert Bott and Two Companions Suffer While on Duck-Hunting Trip

STRANDED BY MOTORBOAT

Dr. Robert Bott, head of the Philadelphia Veterans' Bureau, and two other physicians arrived in Wilmington last night after being marooned in the marsh lands near Bombay Hook, where they had gone on a duck-hunting trip.

Dr. Bott, with Dr. Meredith L. Samuels, of Wilmington, and Dr. Cahall Stiple, Dover City, Del., had planned to return home Saturday night after a two-day game trip, but something went wrong with their motorboat and they were stranded.

While not in great danger at any time, the three physicians suffered for two days. They gathered in the marshes for two days. They ripped off the floorboards of the motorboat and waited for high tide, hoping that they would be able to paddle to their cabin, which was across a stretch of marshes.

They were compelled to abandon this plan and started across the marshes on tripping across the treacherous bog.

Dr. Bott's companions became so exhausted that they could go no further and lay on the ground. He gathered sticks and twigs and built a fire to keep them warm, but snow compelled them to again begin their march.

At 4 o'clock in the morning they started on a large creek, one of the men was about to swim across the stream, when a rotten plank was found and they managed to feel their way in safety.

They arrived several hours later at their cabin, a short distance above the mouth of Duck Creek. Word of their arrival was taken to Lacey and Lehigh by a trapper, and friends of the marooned physicians went to their rescue in motorboats.

CELEBRATE NEW BRIDGE

Parade Marks Opening of Fifth Street Structure

Fifteen hundred persons took part in a parade last night to celebrate the opening of a new bridge over the Pennsylvania Railroad at Fifth and Toga streets. The parade, which included floats and string bands, formed at Sixth and Diamond streets. The route from that point was to Fifth street, to Rising Sun avenue, to Sixth street and on Sixth street to Allegheny avenue, where the marchers disbanded. Joseph A. Ferguson was chairman of the committee in charge of the celebration, the other members of which were Edward Ryan, John McDowell and Joseph Gowan.

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Would Draft Youth for Reparations Work

Rome, Dec. 12.—(By A. P.)—Corrado Gini, professor of statistics in the University of Padua, to whom was entrusted an inquiry as to whether Germany can pay reparations, how much and in what form, has decided the first question in the affirmative. Prof. Gini makes several proposals concerning the best systems for the liquidation of the debt.

One of his principal suggestions is compulsory service for reparations, similar to the military service in Germany before the war. That compulsory service would embrace all youths of twenty years of age for one or two years. Such youths would serve either in reconstructing devastated regions or in creditor nations, where they might be fed at the expense of the German Government. In the latter case the total value of their work would go toward reparations. It fell at the expense of a creditor nation only the difference between the value of their food and the value of their work would be credited to reparations.

Prof. Gini also proposes taking a census of all precious metals, jewels and foreign currency in Germany, and making compulsory their sale to the state or to foreign nations. Nobody would be allowed to keep any of these things, except by paying a sum in gold far greater than their intrinsic value.

SENATE COMMITTEE BEGINS HEARINGS ON FARM CREDITS

Bills Sponsored by Lenroot and Capper Explained by Authors

Washington, Dec. 12.—(By A. P.)—Proponents of various farm credit bills appeared today before the Senate Banking Committee at the opening of hearings on credit legislation.

Senator Capper, chairman of the Senate farm bloc, opened the hearings with an explanation of his bill and was followed by Senator Lenroot, who outlined the Lenroot-Anderson bill containing provisions endorsed by Administration officials.

Among those present at the hearing were Eugene Meyer, director of the War Finance Corporation, and members of the Federal Farm Loan Board. Senator Capper said his livestock loan bill would meet the needs of both large and small livestock growers, but did not deal with the credit requirements of the general farmer. The bill provides for co-operative associations with \$250,000 capital, whose paper would have discount privileges with federal reserve banks. The small livestock growers, he said, could secure loans through such associations, and he did not believe the bulk of capital for the associations would come from the industry, but from banking and business interests of the community.

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During the war she maintained three hospitals on her Northampton estate and was received in special private audience by Pope Benedict XV.

She was especially mentioned by the French War Office for her work.

Louis P. Schaefer

Louis P. Schaefer, 40 West Brink, long street, died yesterday afternoon in the Jefferson Hospital, following an operation undergone ten days ago.

He was fifty-eight years old.

He was a member of the bar since 1880, and was formerly active in politics in the Twentieth Ward. He was a member of the Cornhill Lodge, No. 1, A. M., of the City Lodge, Independent Order of Foresters, and several other fraternal organizations.

MRS. SARAH CONNOLLY

Funeral Services for Mrs. Sarah Connolly, mother of Congressman J. J. Connolly, who died yesterday in her home, 2453 East Clearfield street, will be held Thursday morning. Mrs. Connolly was sixty-five years old, and widow of William J. Connolly.

Mrs. Mary A. Morton, eighty-two years old, died at her home in Gloucester this morning after an illness of one month. She was one of the oldest residents of that place and was widely known.

Mrs. Anna Goldman

Mrs. Anna Goldman, fifty years old, 701 Kallen avenue, died in Cooper Hospital this morning from injuries she received when struck by an electric train on November 27.

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STOTESBURY RE-ELECTED

Union League Makes Financial President for Third Term

E. T. Stotesbury was elected president of the Union League yesterday for the third successive time.

Vice presidents chosen at the annual election were E. Pusey Pasmore, George A. Walker, William L. Lyman and Charles J. Webb.

Fifteen directors also were elected. They were Melville G. Baker, William O. Price, Jr., James R. Mitchell, William Henry Smalley, Charles M. Tower, Bayard Henry, Horace C. Jones, John T. Riley, Charles A. Porter, Jr., John W. Hanger, Edward A. M. Jones, Harry B. Sharp and J. Warner

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